

South Dakota Risk Pool Governing Board and Advisory Board Joint Meeting Minutes
Governors Large Conference Room or Via Teleconference
Thursday April 20, 2006

The joint meeting of the South Dakota Risk Pool Board began shortly after 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with a Welcome from Kevin Forsch highlighting the meetings activities.

Chairman Kevin Forsch, Vice- Chair Jerry Hofer, Mr. Larry Iversen, Janet Griffin, Dave Hewett, Mr. Eric Hales, and Mr. Randy Moses were present for board members. In attendance representing the Advisory Board was Mr. Damian Prunty, Ms. Cheryl Stone, Mr. Mike Shaw, Dr. Mary Carpenter, Mr. Bob Clark, Mr. Lonni McKittrick, Mr. Paul Jensen, Rick Straquellersi, and present via teleconference Dr. Tom Krafka. Also in attendance were Dei Molitor, Bureau of Personal and Melissa Kusser, Division of Insurance.

Chairman Forsch turned the meeting over to Ms. Kusser to hold the Risk Pool hearing for proposed rules 20:06:39 and 20:06:48. At the conclusion of the rules hearing Mr. Forsch commented that the board was in full support of the proposed rules.

First item on the agenda was the approval of the March 16, 2006 Governing Board minutes. Mr. Hewett made a motion to approve and Mr. Moses made the second. The board approved the minutes unanimously.

Mr. Hales then spoke in regards to the Administrators Reports. The first item up for discussion was the Statement of Financial Condition. He gave a brief overview answering questions and responding to comments from the group. The group commented on the layout of the financial condition and asked Mr. Hales to look into adding a section of previous year's numbers and a future statistic column. Mr. Hales spoke on the member statistics, noting that membership has gone up in the last couple months. The group discussed the possibility of why individuals were coming off of COBRA. The increase may be related to closings of large businesses such as Gateway and Huron University.

Next item on the agenda discussed was New Business. A sign-up sheet was passed around the group to establish volunteers for workgroups in reference to SB 200 and Provider Contributions. Mr. Forsch spoke in regards to the preparation of SB 201 for the July 1, 2006 implementation date. Mr. Iversen was called upon to speak in regards to the 3% Medicaid inflation factor. He advised the group that they are in the process of updating codes and will hope to have them established by late May or early June. Mr. Forsch added that Senator Duane Sutton established an additional \$100,000 contribution to go into effect during the 2006 legislative session, which will be effective with the new budget July 1, 2006.

Established work groups include the following:

SB 200

Randy Moses (Chair)
Eric Hales
Rick Stracqualursi
Lonnie McKittrick
Bob Clark
Janet Griffin
Dave Hewett
Mary Carpenter
Mike Shaw

Provider Contributions

Kevin Forsch (Chair)
Eric Hales
Damian Prunty
Larry Iversen
Rick Stracqualursi
Mike Shaw
Dr. Mary Carpenter
Dave Hewett
Senator Duane Sutton
Jean Reed
Cheryl Stone
Paul Jensen
Dr. Tom Krafka

Mr. Hales brought additional information to the board representing demographics of enrollees that are entering the risk pool and leaving. He spoke in terms of HCMTI providing the group with reports concerning hard and soft savings. HCMTI advised that they are calculating these statistics and hope to have a report to the board by the next meeting. Mr. Moses gave a brief overview of what triggers COBRA and who is eligible as a response to the additional reports provided by Mr. Hales.

Ms. Griffin made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Condition a second was given by Mr. Hofer. The group approved unanimously.

Mr. Hales and Ms. Molitor reported that updates have been made to the website. The adjustments will provide public information in regards to minutes and meeting postings. Dr. Mary Carpenter suggested a terminology change in regards to “out of state provider” section. Ms. Molitor will make this adjustment.

Mr. Moses spoke in terms of implementation of SB 200. He reported to the group that we are still unaware of exact dollar figures as it is a waiting game with the federal government. He will continually check for updates in regards to this matter as we have been told that information should be announced on or around May 1, 2006.

Mr. Forsch made an announcement to the board that Mr. Hofer has been appointed to Secretary of Department of Human Services and will be leaving the Governing Board. He was thanked for his service and dedication. The board will be seeking a recommendation to fill his position from the Department of Health.

Mr. Moses presented the group with information regarding a submittal with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The submittal is the responsibility of the Division of Insurance. Mr. Moses will complete the requirements and report back to the group. Mr. Hales then spoke about the Legislative Research Council's audit of the Risk Pool. He provided the group with a report back which gave favorable remarks to the operation of the Risk Pool.

Next item of the agenda was changes to the Plan Document. Mr. Moses provided the group with a handout of suggested changes. The group was in favor of all changes with a few language clarifications. Mr. Moses made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed changes. Ms. Griffin made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and a second was given by Mr. Moses.